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INSURANCE AND MARKETING SCHEMES FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to introduce insurance scheme for the handloom weavers;

(b) whether the Union Government and the State Governments will contribute to the said scheme;

(c) the details in this regard and the benefits the weavers are likely to get from the said scheme;

(d) the programme being implemented to impart training to the weavers;

(e) the names of the cities in which marketing/purchase centres will be set up and the steps taken to remove the problems being faced by the handloom sector and to make the existing schemes more effective; and

(f) the extent to which the Government has been successful in its efforts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has proposed to introduce the Bunkar Bima Yojana, which is a combination of Janshree Bima Yojana and Add-on Group Insurance Scheme with the objective of providing enhanced insurance coverage to the handloom weavers in case of natural as well as accidental death. The scheme has been approved for implementation in collaboration with the Life Insurance Corporation of India.

The annual premium under the Janshree Bima Yojana will be shared among the Life Insurance Corporation of India, the union Government and the weavers and in the case of add-on Group Insurance Scheme the premium will be shared between the Government of India and the weavers. The details of the funding pattern and the benefits under the Bunkar Bima Yojana is given below:

Item	Benefits (Sum assured)	Premium/Contribution
Janshree Bima Yojana	Natural death. Rs.20,000/-	LICs contribution Rs.100/-
	Death due to accident. Rs.50,000/-	Weavers` Contribution. Rs.40/-
	Permanent total disability due to accident. Rs.50,000/-	GOI contribution Rs.60/-
	Loss of 2 eyes or 2 limbs or one eye and 1 limb in accident. Rs.50,000/-	Total premium Rs.200/-
	Loss of 1 eye or 1 limb in an accident Rs.25, 000/-	
Add-on Group Insurance Scheme For natural as well as accidental death Rs.30, 000/-		Weavers` contribution Rs.90/-
		GOI contribution Rs.90/-
		Total premium Rs.180/-
Bunkar Bima Yojana (Janshree Bima Yojana + Add-on Group	Natural death Rs.50, 000/-	LICs contribution Rs.100/-
Insurance Scheme	Accidental death Rs.80, 000/-	Weavers` contribution Rs.130/-
		GOI contribution Rs.150/-
		Total premium Rs.380/-

Additional Benefits

Under the Janshree Bima Yojana scholarship will also be available to the children of parents who will be covered under it. A scholarship of Rs.300/- per quarter per child will be paid to students studying in standard IX to XII for a maximum period of four years or till they complete XII standard, whichever event occurs earlier.

(d) With the objective to train weavers, designers and dyers connected with the handloom industry, in Weaving Technology, Design Development & Dyeing Technique, Decentralised Training Programmes are being conducted by 24 Weavers` Service Centres all over the country. During the year 2002-03, a total number of 5550 weavers were imparted training under the said scheme. During 2003-04, training to 6000 weavers by Weaver Service Centres has been sanctioned. The Hon`ble Prime Minister had announced that skill upgradation of one lakh weavers would be undertaken. For this purpose, a new comprehensive scheme i.e. Integrated Handloom Training Project has been approved in December 2003.

(e)&(f) Seven Marketing Complexes have been set up at Hyderabad, Indore, Kanpur, Kolkota, Jaipur, Ahemedabad and Navimumbai. Two other Marketing Complexes have been approved for being set up at Lucknow and New Delhi.The Government of India is already implementing various Schemes for the overall development of the handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers. They are as under:

1) Design Development & Training Programme
2) Marketing Promotion Programme
3) Mill Gate Price Scheme
4) Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana
5) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme
6) Weavers Welfare Scheme
7) Handloom Export Scheme.
8) Implementation of Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985.

An amount of Rs.130.83 crore was released by the Central Government under the above Schemes in 2002-03.An amount of Rs.156.77 crore has been allocated in the budget 2003-04 for the above schemes.